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February 23, 1987

Mr. Murray C. Godbe, III
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Murray
Dear Mr. Godbe:

Re: Notice of Tentative Approval, Mining & Reclamation Plan Revision,
Pilot Phase Test Operation, Sevier Dry Lake Project, PRO/027/008-86(1),
Millard County, Utah

The Division has completed its technical review of your latest deficiency response (received February 6, 1987) for the MRP Revision referenced above. You have now adequately addressed the deficiencies which were identified in our January 28, 1987 review letter.

It is our understanding that you are requesting that this revision be incorporated into the original permit application for the Sevier Dry Lake Project which was tentatively approved on July 22, 1986. Certain conditions as outlined in the July 22nd tentative approval remain to be addressed. It is our opinion that all remaining concerns can be resolved during the public comment period for this permit revision:

1. A copy of the final Bureau of Land Management environmental assessment and any stipulations which may pertain to this project revision.
2. A copy of the sand and gravel lease conditions when received from the Division of State Lands and Forestry.
3. A previous reclamation surety in the amount of \$65,000 was estimated for the original Sevier Dry Lake Project MRP permit application. As a result of this MRP revision, a separate reclamation estimate in the amount of \$42,900 has been calculated for reclamation of the additional disturbed acreage (refer to attached reclamation estimate). If desired, the operator may post separate surety for each phase of the project. However, it is preferred that one surety be posted in the amount of \$107,900 for the entire project. The surety must be filed on a form which is acceptable to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining.

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4. The operator has stated in earlier submissions that the Division's revegetation recommendations would be followed for final reclamation of the disturbed areas. Attached is a copy of the Division's suggested seed mix and seeding methods for the operator's reference. Please provide a commitment that these recommendations will be incorporated into the reclamation plan, or submit an alternate revegetation plan for our review and concurrence.

Please provide us with information on the form of surety which will be filed with our office. This information is needed to prepare the final executive summary for the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining. Should the operator elect to file the reclamation surety with the BLM, the Division must receive a copy of the signed surety for our files prior to final approval.

The Division will forward a tentative approval notice to the Newspaper Agency for proper public notice of this permit revision. Upon successful completion of the 30-day public comment period and upon receipt of the information outlined above, the Division will be prepared to grant final approval and issue a permit to commence mining operations. Please contact me, or Wayne Hedberg should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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Administrator
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